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Letter To The Editor

TO THE CITIZENS OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY:

The 1976 Cancer Crusade was a success and we went over the top in our collections for cancer research.

I wish to thank our co-captains, Mrs. Marge Mims and Mrs. Becky Hudson, for their wonderful leadership, and special appreciation is extended to all the workers who helped with the collection of the money and to all the people who gave so generously so that we might be able to eliminate cancer in our lifetime.

Clyde G. O'Brien, MD
President, Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society

Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia
Dear Mr. Vaughan:

The bloodpressure clinic that was held in our community May 8 and 15 has proven to be a success.

Approximately 255 persons stopped by our outdoor clinics to help detect the painless disease from which so many Americans suffer. Those having high bloodpressure were given referral slips to take to their family doctor. The slips were furnished by the Piedmont Heart Association.

The members of Xi Gamma Tau, Exemplar Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi would like to take this opportunity to thank The Times-Virginian for its generous publicity; the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, who jointly sponsored this community effort; Mrs. Gladys Moon, Mrs. Joan Paulette, and Mrs. Ann Harris (all R.N's) who aided the Rescue Squad members in taking bloodpressures; and to Mrs. Sisk of the Piedmont Heart Association for being so very cooperative.

We hope that this clinic can be organized again in the future to help toward the betterment of our community.

Thank you,
Mrs. Faye Stratton,
Xi Gamma Tau Service Chrm.

Dear Editor,

I would like to use your paper as a forum to express my thanks to two of our fine citizens especially and my thanks to many others who made our last 'Bloodmobile' visit such a success. The Rev. Ernie Lucas and Mrs. Lucy Harvey must receive a special thanks for the splendid work of organization and to all the other people - the donors - the workers in the canteen and the workers on the floor. All did a wonderful job. Thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Cecil Dalton
County Red Cross Chairman

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to the citizens of Appomattox County my deep appreciation for their splendid cooperation in an all out effort to make our 25th Anniversary Bloodmobile visit the overwhelming success that it was. Space nor memory will permit me to acknowledge everyone concerned, but I will do my best to acknowledge as many as possible.

I would, first of all, like to express my appreciation to you and your newspaper for the splendid advertisement and coverage that you have given the Bloodmobile Program in Appomattox. Also, I would like to express my "Thanks" to the Junior Women's Club of Appomattox and the Extension Club from the Rocks community, to all of the nurses in Appomattox who labored over and beyond the call of duty, to the many businesses in town who gave money to purchase the radio time, and of course to WITX, our local radio station, who gave us much free time, and to the Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Lynchburg, Va. who furnished us with the free drinks, to Mr. John Cole who furnished us with the milk, and my special "Thanks" to Mrs. Lucy Harvey, without whose continued dedication and research and planning the Bloodmobile would not be the success that it is.

Mr. Vaughan, if I have left out anyone, and I probably have, my sincere apology goes to them.

Sincerely,
Earnie W. Lucas, Chairman
Appomattox Bloodmobile Program

The Pastor Speaks

This is the last of this series of word studies for a while unless one of my colleagues desires to continue this sort of thing.

The last two articles have dealt with Old Testament images through which the New Testament writers endeavor to make Jesus known to those people (and to us) to whom they addressed their particular efforts. Jesus is spoken of as the "Paschal Lamb" and as "Messiah =Christ=the anointed one". These terms had substance for their recipients and were not merely pious words.

Another word we might look at is the word "priest". The author of the Letter to the Hebrews says, "Seeing that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God..."

The temple in Jerusalem was not a very large building when one considers that it was the seat of the nation's religious life. It was not meant to be the place where the congregation would gather merely to sing Psalms and pray. Rather it was the place of sacrifice. It was to the temple that the faithful Jews brought their offerings.

The offering of lambs and goats and animals may seem somewhat gross to us today, but this was all done in accordance with the Levitical Law which is contained in our Judaic - Christian Scriptures. We are told that Jesus made a point of being in Jerusalem at the time of the Passover-a part of the celebration of which was the sacrifice in the temple.

The sacrifices were offered in the area of the temple called the Holy Place. Adjacent to this area was a small enclosure separated from the Holy Place by a curtain or veil. This area was the Holy of Holies (Hebrew manner of expressing the superlative). In the Holy of Holies (originally) were certain well defined articles including a particular chair called the Mercy Seat. The Mercy Seat was God's throne.

Only on one particular day of the Jewish liturgical year did anyone enter the Holy of Holies, and this one person was a high priest. He entered with some of the sacrificial blood, and he did certain ritualistic acts.

God was separated from us by the veil or curtain.

We recall that two weeks ago we considered Jesus as the Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and by whose blood we are saved.

Recall also that at the death of Jesus "Then Jesus gave a loud cry and died. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom" (NEB). Jesus had entered the Holy of Holies - not of the temple but of the Universe - Jesus was Priest - Jesus was Victim.

Christians are members (parts of) the mystical Body of Christ of which the risen Jesus - the Priest - is the head. We live abundantly in His Body - we share in His Priesthood. Our offering - as was His - is ourselves and in particular our stewardship of all that God has given us.

The name of the game is "Does your priestly offering of yourself truly express your gratitude to our Father? and if not what do you intend to do about it?"

There will be a judgement.

Thanks be to God for Jesus of Nazareth - the Christ. Amen.

The Rev. Harmon Smith, Vicar
St. Anne's Church
Appomattox, Va.

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST TO HOLD BICENTENNIAL FASHION SHOW

The Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Appomattox, will have their 1976 bicentennial fashion show May 30, 1976 - Time 4 p.m. The public is invited. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Mrs. Inez Patrick.

On the third Sunday they had regular preaching service and everyone enjoyed the service. Communion was given to all. At 3 p.m. the Elder Fletcher Hubbard from Lynchburg rendered a program and a nice crowd attended.

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The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR MAY 30, 1976

THE HEALING COMMUNITY
Scripture: romans 14:13-15:6; Galatians 6:1-10

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. Romans 15:1-2

Controversy is no stranger to the Christian Church. As bitter enmities as history has known have developed from church controversies. Disagreements arose early in the Christian community. Some are recorded in the book of the Acts of the Apostles; some are treated in the epistles of Paul and other writers. Yet in the New Testament, which is the guide for Christian faith and practice, there is a strong emphasis on the responsibility of believers to exercise a healing influence in the fellowship and in society. At the same time, the believer is enjoined to stand for what he believes is right. In the prayer - hymn which is one of the 20th century's most significant additions to the Christian hymnal, Harry Emerson Fosdick succinctly expressed this concept, "Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore."

While there is no question that the believer should and must stand for what he believes is right, the problem arises when equally sincere Christians disagree. One of major importance to first-century believers arose when the Gospel was taken to Gentiles and won converts from among them in the pagan world.

Not only the Jews but many pagans in the Mediterranean world offered animal sacrifices in their religious worship. In most instances only parts of the animal were actually burned on the altars, but the entire animal was dedicated to the deity to whom the parts were sacrificed. The rest of the animal, generally the meaty portions, was for the priests. Since the priests could not consume all the meat, what they did not eat was sold in the butcher shops. Much, is not most, of the meat offered sale in a Greek or Roman city came from animals which had been dedicated to a pagan deity and the money from the sale, after paying the butcher his handling cost and profit, went to the support of the pagan temple and its priests.

Some Christians felt very strongly that eating meat "offered to idols" (the statues of the deities in the temples) meat worship of these idols. They refused to eat meat which they knew had been dedicated to a pagan deity, and some, because they often did not know) refused to eat any meat. Others equally conscientious, felt that eating such meat did not constitute worship of the idol.

Although Paul saw nothing wrong in eating such meat, for he did not think it implied worship of the idol, he counseled Christians to respect the feelings of their brethren who thought otherwise. He could see that for one who thought eating such meat constituted worship of idols, a carryover from pagan days, the counsel of leaders in the church that it did not mean a comprise with paganism. And if there was compromise on this point, there would be compromise on others. New converts, seeing the compromises, would be tempted to return to paganism (as some who professed Christianity did, particularly under pressure of persecution).

From this controversy Paul laid down principles for the guidance of Christians when they disagree. Each should respect the other. One should not do anything which would cause a fellow believer to stumble in his Christian practice or to err in his Christian doctrine.

The church, as the community of believers, has the responsibility to help its members in reconciling differences, in respecting contrary views, in understanding their problems and in facing difficulties. In this series on "A Christian Approach to Family Issues," the principle may be applied to the church's responsibility to help families adopt a life style which will minimize conflict with Christian standards and cope with problems which do arise. The printed Scripture text for this lesson, Galatians 6:1-10, provides wise guidelines for churches and their members to follow in Christian relationships.

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4-H CLUB

Mrs. Spahr's 5th grade 4-H Club met on May 12, 1976. James Beaty called the meeting to order. Our recreation leaders lead us in some songs and games. Then Mr. Sweet took us outside and showed us with his dog "Muffin" how to show our dogs in the 4-H Dog Show which will be on June 1. This is our last meeting of the year.

Joannie Canada, Reporter

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Mr. Phil Bailey, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mrs. Carl Arguist and son, Chad, of Tacoma, Wash., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hamlett and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pugh, of Darlington Heights.

Our sympathy extended to the family of Mrs. Evelyn Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Powell, of New Jersey, are spending a few days at The Watson home, Darlington Heights, Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz, of Roanoke, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Williams. They will spend next week end with his parents in Columbia, S.C.

Thomas C. Caldwell entered Lynchburg General Hospital last Monday and will undergo hip surgery Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nealey, of Danville, visited his sister, Mrs. Ed Blackburn last week end.

The Decoupage Class sponsored by the Pamplin Homemakers Extension Club with Mrs. Shirley Walton, county agent, will hold the second class, May 28, at 7 p.m. The class will meet at the Pamplin Fire House. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. Shuford Swins, Jr. and daughter of Kendell, N.C., will be meeting with the pulpit committee of Elon Baptist Church Sunday, May 30, and will attend the fellowship supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Wayne are the proud grandparents of Sherri Allison Savage, who arrived on May 7. Sherri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar R. Savage, of Suffolk.

We are very sorry that Rev. and Mrs. Everett Hellmuth are leaving our community but wish them much happiness and success in their Crystal Hill, Va. community where he has accepted pastorage there.

St. Luke

The song program by the Starlight Singers at the St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday, May 23, was very much enjoyed by all present. Mr. Milton Dewlin, the superintendent of the church school, was the M.C.

The St. Luke Adult No. 2 and Junior Choirs rendered music at the Derrington Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. Sun., May 23 for the pastor's anniversary. Rev. J. E. Laughlin was the speaker for the occasion. Food was served by the ladies of the church.

The Cornerstone Baptist Sunday School Union will meet with the White Oak Church School this fifth Sunday in May at 10 a.m. Rev. T. M. Venerable is president. After the regular meeting there will be an appreciation service, given by the Union honoring Mrs. Louise Canada for the 35 years of service given as secretary for the body. This will be recorded as "Canada's Day". All are invited to attend. Please.

Many of the senior citizens of St. Luke attended the Senior Citizen's Day at Altavista on May 21. They enjoyed the day. The Bicentennial outfits were beautiful. The parade was interesting. Mr. Charles H. Canada won the second door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada and Mrs. Catherine Speedy visited his sister, Mrs. Ida Daniels in the Southside Community Hospital in Farmville Sunday. She is recovering from surgery.

Many of the farmers of Campbell County felt the effects of the hail storm that passed along last week.

There will be a song program at the St. Luke Church Sun., May 30, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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